

Unit 9: Washington Post Arab Spring & Technology Article Questions

Directions:

- First watch the Arab Spring video for a quick explanation of the Arab Spring.
- Then, read Eighth Years after Egyptian's Revolution and complete the questions below.

9.1 Advances in Technology and Exchange After 1900

Thematic Focus - Technology and Innovation (TEC) Human adaptation and innovation have resulted in increased efficiency, comfort, and security, and technological advances have shaped human development and interactions with both intended and unintended consequences.

Learning Objective

Explain how the development of new technologies changed the world from 1900 to present

Historical Developments

New modes of communication—including radio communication, cellular communication, and the internet—as well as transportation, including air travel and shipping containers, reduced the problem of geographic distance.

9.6 Globalized Culture After 1900

Thematic Focus - Cultural Developments and Interactions (CDI)

The development of ideas, beliefs, and religions illustrates how groups in society view themselves, and the interactions of societies and their beliefs often have political, social, and cultural implications.

Learning Objective

Explain how and why globalization changed culture over time.

Historical Developments

Political and social changes of the 20th century led to changes in the arts and in the second half of the century, popular and consumer culture became more global.

Global culture:

- Social media: Facebook, Twitter

Arts, entertainment, and popular culture increasingly reflected the influence of a globalized society.

1. How did Egyptian youth make use of Facebook to help bring about political change in Egypt?
2. How has social media been utilized by Americans for a similar purpose?
3. How have some foreign governments responded to the use of social media as a form of political protest/organization in their countries?

4. Name an additional example of social media being utilized to enact change in the US. If you aren't sure, try looking up some additional examples.

5. Compare this event to previous time periods. Give an example of technology being used to enact political and/or social change before 1900.

6. Using this article as an example, explain how the development of new technologies changed the world from 1900 to present.